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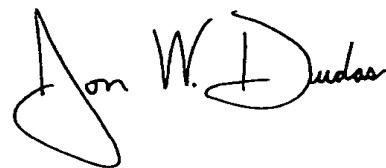
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 4,

Lines 23-28, paragraph beginning "Each of REM" and ending "cleanliness of the steel" should be placed before the paragraph beginning at Column 4, line 34 that begins with "The newly proposed steel strip".

Signed and Sealed this
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "D" at the end.

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